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SUBJECT:US-SOVIET BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA ON
CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS

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1. REFTTEL REPORTED SOVIET UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD
BE IMMEDIATE US-SOVIET BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA
ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) AND NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS
(MDW), INCLUDING RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW). DURING
SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, IT WAS AGREED TO
ESTABLISH SUCH GROUPS, AMONG OTHERS.

2. US PREPARATIONS HAVE NOT PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE WE ARE IN A POSITION TO EXCHANGE NEW SUBSTANTIVE VIEWS ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS OR TO NEGOTIATE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF A POSSIBLE JOINT INITIATIVE ON CW OR RW. HOWEVER, THE US SIDE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE SOVIET SIDE TO DISCUSS CW AND RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (IN THE CONTEXT OF MDW) STARTING ON MAY 9 TO ACCOMMODATE SOVIET EXPERTS WHO ARE PRESENT IN GENEVA.

3. FOR GENEVA: MISSION SHOULD INFORM SOVIET MISSION THAT US WILL BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH EXPERTS IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS CW AND RW (IN CONTEXT MDW) STARTING ON AFTERNOON OF MAY 9. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT US SIDE VIEWS THIS ROUND OF MEETINGS AS PRINCIPALLY DEALING WITH ORGANIZATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND SETTING THE STAGE FOR MORE SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES AT FUTURE ROUNDS. YOU SHOULD SUGGEST THAT RW DISCUSSIONS BE HELD FIRST, LEAVING CW TO LATER IN WEEK. MISSION SHOULD ALSO INFORM DUTCH, CANADIAN, AND ITALIAN DELEGATIONS OF OUR INTENTIONS AS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 BELOW.

4. FOR BONN, LONDON, PARIS, AND TOKYO: EMBASSIES SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT US AND SOVIETS WILL HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA STARTING ON MAY 9 ON CW AND RW (IN CONTEXT OF MDW). IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE TO DEAL PRINCIPALLY WITH ORGANIZATIONAL AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND THAT US SIDE ANTICIPATES FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES PRIOR

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TO UNDERTAKING BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON CW OR RW (IN CONTEXT OF MDW).

5. FOR US MISSION NATO: YOU SHOULD INFORM ALLIED DELEGATIONS ALONG ABOVE LINES, STRESSING THAT NO NEW SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS WILL BE PUT FORWARD BY US. CHRISTOPHER

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